

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

PRIVATE ADMONITION. Board Case No. 19, 2007. Effective Date: August 22, 2007.

A Delaware lawyer was privately admonished for violations of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct ("Rules"). The private sanction was offered by a panel of the Preliminary Review Committee ("PRC"), and imposed with the consent of the lawyer.

Rule 1.3 states that a "lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client." The lawyer violated **Rule 1.3** by failing to respond to the Bankruptcy Court's notice regarding the status of a client's case, which resulted in dismissal of the case. **Rule 1.4(a)** states that a "lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information." The lawyer violated **Rule 1.4** by failing to respond to several communications regarding the status of the client's matter. In offering the sanction of a private admonition, the PRC considered the following mitigating factors: (1) the absence of a prior disciplinary record; and (2) the lawyer's full and free disclosure to the disciplinary authorities and cooperative attitude.

The lawyer was required to pay the costs incurred by the ODC.